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LOCAL JOTTINGS.

The mayor of Danville receives \$200

For pure drugs, carefully compounded,

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LADIES in search of house-furnishing

goods will find Abel & Locke's establish-

ment A place to go for bargains.

There is a great profusion of lovely

and odorous blossoms everywhere. Yes,

the beautiful spring time is here in all its

loveliness, and cabbage is selling at 25

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It is one of these rare, good remedies

which used once will be always kept in

the house. Dr. Bull's Baltimore Pills we

refer to. Price 25 cents.

The exclusive carpet house of Abel &

Locke is daily visited by people from near

and far, who come to inspect and buy.

They get bargains every time.

MATHEMATIALLY speaking can county

clerk Waggoner be properly called a

poor agent?

See the novelties in parasols this evening

at the New York Store.

May 3—d1w

I. W. EHRMAN's old reliable clothing

house is check full of new goods, all

selling at bargain prices.

B. PRATT will today ship another

load of horses to Connecticut. This

lot, which makes about 115 head shipped

by him, embraces some very choice animals.

Abel & Locke have now in stock a

complete line of new carpet goods, and

invite everybody to call and inspect the

same before purchasing elsewhere.

A MAN of Carlisle, Ky., is under bonds

for perjury in swearing that a would-be

bride was "over 21," which was only true

so far as her having the figure "21"

pasted in each shoe.

The new, large and commodious ladies'

waiting room at the union depot was

thrown open to the public this morning.

The paint and plaster smells rather fresh,

THE DECATUR POSTOFFICE.

Established in 1829—Daniel McCall the

First P. M.—The Office of To-day

A Well Ordered and Well

Kept Institution.

1829.

On the 10th day of January, 1820, over

fifty years ago, by an act of the Illinois

General Assembly the county of Macon

was formed, and on April 10th of the

same year the appointed county commis-

sioners, John Fleming, Jesse Rhodes

and Easton Whittin met and "proceeded

to view the several proposed locations for

a seat of justice," and made a report of

their deliberations to the county commis-

sioners' court. As a result of the action

of the special commission the town of

Decatur was laid off, and Daniel McCall

was appointed postmaster in the fall of

1829. He also at this time held the offices

of probate and county judge and circuit

clerk, all by appointment.

McCall was succeeded as postmaster by

the following persons:

William Cantrell, still living in this city;

Dr. J. G. Spears; Dr. Thomas P. Rogers,

now in the Illinois legislature, whose home

is at Bloomington; Samuel C. Allen, still

living, east of Decatur; Alexander May-

wood; Preston Butler; William J. Carey;

John P. Post; Phil Shepherd; John Ryan;

George B. Peake; Wm. J. Carey; Isaac C.

Pugh; Robert P. Lytle.

1879.

What the postoffices of 30, 40, 50 and

20 years ago were, we leave to the falling

memories of the "oldest inhabitants."

The Decatur postoffice of to-day, what-

ever it may have been in the past, is a

model of beauty and convenience. It is

conveniently situated in the business part

of the city, and is in all respects an in-

stitution such as few cities of a population

of 10,000 souls can boast of. Under the

present efficient management the several

departments have been arranged with an

eye single to the accommodation of the

public, a fact that is duly appreciated.

This spring the office was thoroughly

renovated and the walls newly calcimined

and repapered, and the glass and boxes

were washed, dusted and generally clean-

ed up.

The office is in charge of the following

named officials and clerks: R. P. Lytle,

Postmaster; Frank W. Hardy, Deputy

Postmaster; Aten Lytle, money order

clerk; Geo. Mueller, mailing clerk; Harry

Moore, delivery clerk.

Macon County Bible Society.

The anniversary of this well-known

auxiliary of the American Bible Society

takes place in the 1st M. E. Church in

Decatur next Sabbath evening. The

various churches in the city, we believe,

almost, if not quite without exception,

suspend their usual evening services in

order to unite in this one grand union

gathering, as such we learn they expect it

to be. The occasion is designed to com-

memorate the completion of the 44th year

of the American Bible Society, whose

work of beneficence has now become

most world-wide.

About thirty-five million copies of the

Word of God have been put into circula-

tion since its organization, now carrying

these streams of light to nearly a hundred

distinct nationalities.

Addresses appropriate to the occasion

are to be delivered by Rev. W. H. Moore,

rector of St. John's Episcopal church, of

this city, and Rev. Dr. Hartshorn, who

has had charge of the bible interests in the

states of Illinois and Ohio for many years.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Assessor Smith is now working from

early morn to nine o'clock at night, in-

terviewing all the taxpayers on his "beat."

Chas. A. Tuttle returned from Gentry

county, Mo., this noon, after a seven

weeks' absence. He has been engaged in

building an extension of the North Mis-

souri railway, but his contract is not yet

completed. He left all the Decatur boys

in splendid health, and says the weather

all along has been delightful and the crops

generally look fine.

We had a pleasant call this morning

from Hon. John M. Scott, of Bloom-

ington, candidate for supreme judge. He in-

formed us that he has a great many old

friends in this vicinity who formerly knew

him in his native county, St. Clair. Judge

Scott is looking well, and during the time

he spent in Decatur met many of our citi-

zens, who will remember him at the

polls in June.

Mr. J. F. Payne, of Decatur, Ill., was

in the city to-day. He is the agent for

that splendid farm implement, Haworth's

Check Rower.—*Davenport (Iowa) Demo-*

crat.

We are indebted to Dr. Cass Cheno-

with for a late copy of the Yankton (Da-

kota) Daily Press and Dakotian. The

issue before us contains the following

"personal" concerning a gentleman who

practiced medicine at Mt. Zion, in this

MRS. LOUISA LANDGRAF

Adjudged Insane in the County Court

on Yesterday.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. Louisa Landgraf, aged 36 years,

the wife of the minister of the German

Lutheran church, was brought before

Judge Greer in the county court yesterday

afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, for the purpose

of having the following regularly sum-

more jury pass upon her alleged insan-

ity: Dr. O. F. Parker, Fred. J. Smith, S.

K. Shaffer, Thomas Lord, R. Liddle and

J. M. Lowry. The evidence brought to

light the fact that her insanity had ex-

tended back over a period of seven years;

that she was seldom demonstrative; that

she was neglectful of her four children;

that her memory was gone; and that she

was at times wholly neglectful of her

household duties. The cause of her in-

sanity was not apparent from the evidence

adduced, but it is thought her mind was

weakened by child birth.

The jury returned a verdict in effect

that to the best of their belief the woman

was insane and a fit person to be taken to

the state asylum at Jacksonville. Mrs.

Landgraf will be removed to that institu-

tion as soon as the proper papers are made

out.

This is a very sad case, and the clerical

husband of the unfortunate woman has

the deepest sympathy of his charge and

all friends and acquaintances.

H. W. Hill & Co., the hog ring manu-

facturers, have struck another Leadville.

At a great expense they got up a valu-

able illustrated stock map, entirely origi-

nal with them, and had it copyrighted.—

A few weeks ago the Cincinnati Enquirer

came out with a four-column article on

stock raising, and reproduced Hill & Co.'s

map, mistakes and all, without a word of

credit, and winds up the article by blas-

phing itself for being enabled to furnish its

readers so much valuable information.—

The publication of this copyrighted map

by anybody other than H. W. Hill & Co.

is in direct violation of the law, and for

each and every paper containing the map

issued by the Enquirer it may be com-

pelled to pay \$1, one-half of which goes

into the U. S. treasury, and the other half to Hill

& Co. It has been ascertained that the

Enquirer has a daily issue of 20,000 cop-

ies; weekly, 50,000—total, 70,000. Hill &

Co. propose to prosecute the publishers

to the full extent of the law. If they win,

their portion will be not less than \$35,000.

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Prescott, whose reputation for fairness,

honesty and integrity as a business man

has long been established, has permanent-

ly located in an elegantly furnished store-

room at No. 53, opera block, where he

has a dazzling display of the most superb

and popular PIANOS and ORGANS ever

placed on sale in this market. Our reporter

visited Mr. Prescott's establishment on

yesterday afternoon, and saw on exhibi-

tion a large number of the following

named superior instruments: The popular

"Chickering," "Maukshok" and

"Decker" pianos, and the famed and

favorite Western Cottage and Estey

Organs. The pianos are acknowledged

by the best judges of music everywhere

to be vastly superior in tone, finish and

strength, to all other instruments manu-

factured. They are pianos that will live

and improve like the violin, and be handed

down from generation to generation, the

loved relics of the household, improving

in tone, and becoming more and more

highly prized with age.

The Western Cottage and Estey Organs

stand upon their own intrinsic merits, and

have won their own way to the popular

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GRANT AND TILDEN.

Presidential Preferences of the Legis-

lators.

Correspondence of the Chicago Journal

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 30.—Public

attention having already been directed

to the Presidential election in 1880 in

a manner which appears to show that

the campaign is likely to begin a year

earlier than usual, and that the candi-

dates are to be selected before the

platforms are even talked of, your cor-

respondent has taken the pains to as-

certain the opinions of the leading

members of both houses in the General

Assembly touching their personal pre-

ferences and their ideas of party ex-

pediency.

REPUBLICANS.

Mr. Churchill, of Edwards—I think

our choice for President in 1880 will de-

pend upon the Democratic party, and

that they will make it necessary for us

to nominate General Grant.

Mr. Pearson, of Madison—I am for

Grant or anybody else whose nomina-

tion is necessary to insure success in

1880.

Mr. Crocker, of La Salle—I am not

for Grant. I think we can do better.

Mr. Gross, of Sangamon—I was a

Liberal Republican in 1872, and I was

not pleased with the methods adopted

by the Republican party then and af-

terward, and I see no reason to think they

would be changed if General Grant was

elected.

Mr. Scroggs, of Champaign—I am

for Grant by all means. We have no-

body else who will enforce the laws

half as well.

Senator Dement, of Lee—I am for

any good man, but not Grant. I am

opposed to third terms on principle.

Mr. Matthews, of Pike—I am de-

cidedly not for the nomination of Gen-

eral Grant, for I think that if the Dem-

ocrats nominate any decent man, he can

beat him; but I shall support him if he

is nominated.

Senator Parkinson, of Madison—I

have not fully made up my mind, but I

would very much prefer somebody else

than Grant. I do not think he should

be nominated unless as a matter of ex-

HENDRICKS AT THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION

and still think I was right. I much

prefer a Western man, but think that

Tilden is the choice of the party.

Mr. Posbender, of Marshall—I am not

really a Tilden man. I don't think he

showed the proper degree of courage in

1876 to entitle him to the support of

the Democratic party. Of all the men

named I would prefer Hendricks.

Mr. Durfee, of Macon—I was a

Liberal Republican in 1872, and am

here as a Democrat. I much prefer

Bayard as the Democratic candidate

in 1880, but Thurman would suit me,

or Palmer.

Senator Jones, of Douglas—Thurman

is my choice. Bayard is a good man,

but we want a Western man.

Senator McDowell, of White—I

much prefer Hendricks at the head of

the ticket, but I suppose the old ticket

will be nominated again. I wish we

could have a Western man.

Senator Kelley, of Adams—Judge

Thurman is my choice against anybody

in the Democratic party. I am opposed

to Tilden.

Senator Cheany, of Saline—I am for

the old ticket. I would rather see Mr.

Tilden President than any man in

America. He has a peculiar talent as

an executive officer, which enables him

to execute reforms.

Senator Noe, of McDonough—My

own choice is for Thurman or Hen-

dricks. If I should choose for ex-

pediency, it might be different.

Senator Hanna, of Wayne—Put me

down for Tilden and Hendricks. They

can carry New York and Indiana, and

with sixteen Southern states—they will

elect them.

Senator Mayfield, of Logan—I am

not for Tilden. If we nominate him

we shall be forced into a defensive at-

titude at the very beginning of the

campaign. Besides, I don't like the

idea of submitting to the dictation of

New York.

Senator Southworth, of Montgomery

—I am inclined to favor Tilden, but

have not fully made up my mind. I

think it is too early yet.

A TERSE STATEMENT OF THE SIT-

JUDGE FICKLIN.

Among the numerous candidates for

the circuit bench in the fourth judicial

circuit, we notice the name of the hon-

orable O. B. Ficklin, of Coles county,

the veteran jurist, whom many of our

citizens here would rejoice to see ele-

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The Weekly Republican.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1879.

"The homeless democracy" is the name it goes by in Washington since the back down.

A MEMBER of the Illinois Legislature announces that there won't be an extra session beginning on the 1st of next January, because this session won't adjourn before that time.

THE Toulon Herald calls Hon. B. K. Durfee, of this city, "the wittiest man in the House," and for proof of the statement prints that gentleman's speech on the militia bill, in which he took occasion to sit down on Mr. Harts, the gentleman from Logan.

SPEAKER RANDALL is to go to California after the adjournment of Congress, to take part in the campaign in that state, and to help Dennis Kearney and his hoodlums in their warfare against the heathen Chinese. As a first class demagogue Sam Randall has few equals and no superiors.

GEN. Ben Harrison of Indiana, is in Washington, and gives a very rose-colored view of political affairs in that State. He says the Democrats in Indiana are sadly demoralized, and the Republicans in good trim; that the latter are for Grant first, and after him for any straight-forward and pronounced Republican, and that there is but little doubt that Indiana will be found on the roll of Republican States in 1880.

TO-DAY we publish another communication from Macon, in reply to "Quilp, Sr." and this morning's mail brought two more epistles of the same nature. Nothing would give us more pleasure than to give every one of our correspondents a passport to fame by publishing their several articles, but as there are so many other questions of interest before the general public we are compelled to reserve a small portion of our space for the current news of the day.

LET Virginia look to her laurels; Illinois has stepped to the front with a whole armful of presidential timber. There's our suave and eloquent senator—he of soothing syrup fame—and that ex-senator, who will go down in history as the liveliest foot-shaker at the quadron ball, and the ex-governor who volunteered to prosecute the friends that tried to murder Eliza Pinkston, and the Springfield general whose age nobody knows, but whose sander has been held out in every presidential shower that has fallen during two generations at least, together with a regiment of dark horses; and, to cap all, a quiet little gentleman from Galena, of whom the late lamented editor of the New York Tribune was accustomed to say, "he never has been beaten and never will be"—or words to that effect.

MARRIED.

On Tuesday, May 6th, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Bloomington, by the Rev. J. S. Thompson, Hon. Thomas C. Schenck, editor of the *Chicago Gazette*, member of the Illinois House of Representatives, U. S. Consul to Hamburg, etc., and Nina S. Monahan, of Bloomington.

'Twas ever thus. Our dearest and best friends persist in getting married without even giving us a hint of their intentions. When we last saw the happy hero of the above episode, some two weeks ago, he invoked our blessing and benediction upon his expected departure for the "scene of his new duties," but never hinted that those duties were to be made lighter by the companionship of one of Illinois' fair daughters. He even took pains to deceive us by becoming his solitary decision, and brushed a hypocritical tear from his manly cheek as he feelingly alluded to the marital happiness of others which "could never be his." Ah, George, Joe Bagstock was an infant in slyness compared with your stalwart proportions in that regard. But we'll forgive you this time, and invoke upon you and your better and handsomer half the choicest blessings of heaven. May you both—but paw, if we go on we'll "slap over." Be a good boy, and when you get to Hamburg never take more than *ever* longer at one inning.

REMEDY FOR HARD TIMES.

Stop spending so much on the clothes, rich food and style. Buy good, healthy food, cheaper and better clothing; get more rest and substantial things of life every way, and especially stop the foolish habit of running after expensive and quick doctors, or using so much of the vile humbug medicine that does you only harm and makes the proprietors rich, but put your trust in the greatest of all simple, pure remedies, Hop Bitters, that cures always at a trifling cost, and you will see better times and good health. Try it once. Read of it in another column.

DECORATION DAY.

The prospects are flattering for a very general observance of Decoration Day this year, and it is to be hoped that the patriotic citizens of Decatur will not be derelict in their duty on this occasion, but that they will be even more demonstrative than usual, since there exists in the public mind in some portions of the country a grave doubt as to whether the wearers of the blue are entitled to any particular honors. Be it our duty to testify anew our appreciation of the services of those gallant patriots, and our undying devotion to the cause for which they cheerfully offered the sacrifice of their lives.

While it should be a pleasure to all good people to thus renew the memories of the past, and pay tribute to the patriotism of our glorious dead, it would seem that the chief duty of preparing and arranging these memorial services should devolve upon those for whom our heroes died. Civilians ought not to wait for the old soldiers to move in the matter, for while the survivors are always ready to do honor to the memory of their dead comrades, they cannot but feel that the great sacrifices of the soldiers—those who returned and those who came not back—should have their chief recognition at the hands of those who stayed at home. Let us not wait, then, for the veterans to act; let the men who remained in their peaceful homes to enjoy the results for which the soldiers fought and fell, let the women who could not fight but who did pray and work, let the children whose memories reach not back to those stirring days—in short, let citizens generally begin the work of preparation, and be ready on the 30th of May to pledge renewed fidelity to the patriotic sentiments which animated in life the breasts of the heroes whose graves they decorate.

THE CLINTON MYSTERY.

The Indefatigable and Persevering Spirit—Hunt for Treasure.

Bloomington Post-Dispatch.

Four or five months ago an eccentric individual named Moore, from Havana, came to Salt Creek in the vicinity of Clinton, and began digging along the banks of the creek. He frequently changed his place of operations, but finally settled down at a place near the point where the Illinois Central railroad crosses Salt Creek. Here he seemed to be satisfied, and here he works day after day toiling alone.

The man is evidently a monomaniac on the subject of spiritualism, though perfectly rational on all other subjects. A strange delusion has taken possession of his mind. The story he tells to the idlers who gather about his camp on Sunday is, that the spirit of an Indian chief who passed into the happy hunting grounds many moons ago, whispered in his ear that \$200,000 in English coin and \$100,000 in Spanish gold had been brought from the mouth of the Ohio river one hundred years ago, and buried somewhere on Salt Creek by the Indians, who then inhabited these parts. Never had this precious information been imparted to the ear of a white man. Sacredly held in reserve for the advent of Moore upon the earth, he is the chosen medium of the Great Father of Spirits, through which this precious treasure shall be brought forth to the world. Moore's guardian angel has instructed him to build a temple as a thank-offering and memorial on the spot where the bonanza is found, and this injunction he will religiously observe. At times he is assisted by a seeress, who comes up from Havana. The burden of his conversation and his whole life is the supernatural mission entrusted to his hands, and he is completely engrossed by the delusion that has ensnared his brain.

General Convention Y. M. C. A.

All the associations in the United States and Canada are represented in a body which meets in Baltimore, Md., May 21 to 26, and from indications it will be an event of no ordinary interest and benefit. Large numbers of men distinguished in this work, including D. L. Moody, will be there from all parts of the country. Mr. Chas. Fernand of Geneva, Switzerland, representing the associations of the whole world, will be present. An extremely low rate of \$21 for a round-trip ticket from St. Louis has been made good for twenty days. These tickets can be had by all who wish to attend the convention, whether delegates or not, upon application to W. Hargrave White, state secretary of the Mo. Y. M. C. A., at the rooms, 704 Olive street.

HARRISON was 67 when he was sworn as president, and died exactly one month after, April 4, 1841. Taylor was 65 when he was sworn as a president, March 4, 1849, and died in fifteen months, July 9, 1850. William H. King was sworn in as vice president March 4, 1853, and died on his own plantation in Alabama in a little more than a month afterward, April 7, 1853.

LADIES, don't fail to see the new side saddles at J. G. Starr & Son's. [m2d5f]

ANSWER TO "QUILP, SEN."

MACON, ILL., May 3, 1879.

EDS. REPUBLICAN:—"Quilp, Sen., in Friday's daily gushes over with matters that are of such a domestic nature they might as well have been kept from the public press, for all the good such stuff will do the public. But for the misrepresentation the article contains, we would not care to notice it. The overwhelming defeat of the anti-license ticket consists of the enormous majority of ten votes. This is overwhelming.

Quilp seems to think, now that the license board is in working order, that the millennium has come, when our city will be relieved from onerous taxation, when trade will be brought back, and the reign of terror cease. Let us see how facts prove his statements. The city books show the amount of taxes levied and collected under the license administration, in former years, were from 15 to 40 per cent. more than under the anti-license administration. In addition to this, from three to six hundred dollars was collected from license, and the revenue paid into the city treasury under the license administration was 100 per cent. greater than under the anti-license administration. Now let us see how it was expended. The license board passed an ordinance compelling every property-holder to build sidewalks in front of his property, on such streets as they decided sidewalks should be constructed on; and with but one or two exceptions this ordinance was complied with, and in the exceptional cases the city constructed the sidewalk and assessed the expense of this improvement against the property as *local taxes*. The owner refused to pay, and it hung over the property for several years, and after he disposed of the property the purchaser was compelled to redeem in order to remove the cloud in the title to his property. The only improvement made by the board out of this comparatively large revenue was the construction of a few street crossings; the balance of the funds went toward liquidating the salaries the conscientious board voted to themselves.

Five years ago an anti-license board was elected, since which time not one cent has been paid in salaries for mayor or aldermen, and the other officers got only what they earned in the office; and all the sidewalks and crossings, and all other improvements have been made by the city—and that, too, with a much less tax than under the license rule, to say nothing of the revenue derived from granting license. Macon has been as quiet and orderly as any place of its size in the state, and no terror has existed except the terror that exists in the minds of all violators of law, as it is doubtless true some liquors have been brought in and sold in violation of the United States and state laws, and in violation of city ordinances; and if terror existed at all these violators brought it on themselves. In a financial view Macon stands well for the crisis through which we have passed. None of our business men have failed or compromised with their creditors, and we certainly are getting our share of trade. We are getting grain from farmers west of Blue Mound—and, in fact, some of the grain dealers at that enterprising place thought seriously of hauling the grain out of their elevators over to Macon and selling it to our dealers. Domestic pride alone prevented them from doing it. We also controlled the grain business beyond the Decatur, Sullivan and Mattoon R. R. on the east, and in some instances our customers came from five to seven miles southeast of Mowwqua, and we even met Decatur half way. So much for the *stagnant business* in Macon.

Now, the "true inwardness" of the defeat of the anti-license ticket may be attributed to too much confidence on the part of the temperance party, and a species of bull-dozing that would have been a credit to the democracy or white-liners of the south on the part of the opposition. The temperance party put up notices of a convention to nominate candidates for city offices, and invited all who voted the temperance ticket to attend. The license party resolved to burst up the convention, and each one of the faithful was informed of what was about to take place, and each one was pledged to secrecy. The convention met, and on counting noses it was found that about five out of every six was in full bloom—and every vote that was taken verified this fact. The convention was under the complete control of the license party, and was ended in confusion and no nominations made. The excuse offered by the license party for interfering with the convention was that it was understood that but one ticket was to be put in the field, and that being the case they wished to see that none but good men were nominated. In talking over the disgraceful scene at the convention, and believing the representatives of the license party honest in their statement, the temperance party proposed to get up a joint ticket. Another convention was called, and while a few of the license men met in joint convention to nominate a joint ticket, the greater part of them met in a separate convention and nominated an opposition ticket, which some of the candidates christened *Prohibition Ticket*, and proposed to prohibit liquors being disposed of in any manner, or for any purpose, by druggists or any other persons, if it could be enforced by law; if not, then compel druggists to take out license, the same as any drug-shop. Of course this was a thin proceeding. Of course this was a thin proceeding, but it worked on some who have been dis-

gusted with trying to stop the sale of liquor by refusing to grant license, and then have it dealt out by druggists in any manner to suit those desiring it. Yet it was understood thoroughly among the faithful that the "Prohibition Ticket" was the one they must look to for comfort, and for fear some might be deceived they headed the ticket "Liberal," which meant license in its fullest sense to some, to some beer license only, and to others true blue prohibition—each way was used where it would do the most good. And by this system of misrepresentation and bull-dozing they elected part of the ticket by the overwhelming majority of ten votes.

Yes, I think the "good old days" will return, when the council will again have to go through the laborious task of voting themselves salaries, and improvements will stop for want of funds. Their labor will only be greater, as the salary for six aldermen will have to be voted on now instead of four, as in former years.

Quilp speaks so encouragingly of morality again taking her sway under the benign influence of the license system, that we are led to believe he intends to import a new kind of whisky or invent a new code of morals that will find congenial company in the bar-room.

ANOTHER REPLY.

MACON, ILL., May 5, 1879.

EDTORS REPUBLICAN:—I noticed in your paper of last week an article entitled "Sudden Death," signed by one "Quilp." Now, it is unnecessary for any reply to such balderdash, so far as the people are concerned here in our own town and vicinity; but knowing that your paper is circulating all over the country, for the benefit of other places we ask for a small space in your paper—not for the purpose of confuting the idea advanced that God is on side of saloons and whisky (such ideas in this land of bibles need no reply), but to refer to one or two other points in his wild fancies.

Not knowing who your correspondent "Quilp" is, yet we are inclined to believe that in his hasty rejoicing he has either wilfully or ignorantly, in several instances, badly misrepresented the true issues in our town election. He says the anti-license party were badly beaten in straight-out contest with the license party. If that was what he calls straight, God help the crooked! The truth is, there was no straight fight between license and anti-license, and both parties went into caucus together and pledged their candidates not to license saloons, and to throw whisky entirely out of our drug stores—thus banishing it from our town. Some who were not nominated, or for some other reason, went into another caucus, and another ticket was put in the field; but I deny that there was a license ticket out. There was not one word uttered in favor of license, in the presence of temperance men at any rate, from the time this liberal ticket was made until after the ballots were counted out; all we heard was pledge after pledge from candidates and others that there should be no saloons, and that the drug stores should not sell if possible to prevent it. That was the platform upon which they were elected. Now, then, if these men, whom Quilp is pleased to term license men, can be wheedled into granting license to saloons the honor—if there is any—will be theirs.

The majority of the people living in Macon and vicinity are free and liberty-loving people; but "Quilp" has been oppressed, his liberty restricted. Yes, there are plenty of men in our jails who feel themselves oppressed. There are plenty of men in this world—and "Quilp" may be one of them—who would be oppressed if they were in heaven, because we never heard of a saloon, or a drug store, either, being there. "Quilp" may be one of those unfortunate men whose character is such that possibly he would not be happy if there were two saloons in our town, for it is currently reported that we have men even in our town who have come to that point where they cannot get liquor at even what is termed a respectable saloon. Perhaps the drug stores have refused his prescription, and thought that his medical advisers were mistaken in his case and that he did not need whisky, and therefore turned him away empty.

If the new board-elect will carry out what they proposed on election day, we, the temperance people, will not feel sorry that our men simply were beaten, and not our principles, and will say "Amen," but if they should take the advice of such men as "Quilp" and license saloons and drug stores, too, then they may have cause to think that "Quilp" preached our funeral entirely too soon.

Yours,

A CITIZEN.

Resolutions of Respect and Sympathy.

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, goodness and mercy, has seen fit to remove by death from our school and society on earth to a home in heaven, our esteemed and beloved Sabbath school sister, LARA KIRKPATRICK, on the 29th day of April, 1879, in the 21st year of her age. Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of our Father who doeth all things well, we desire to express our feelings of deep sorrow and affliction in the loss of one whom we loved and cherished. Resolved, That the parents and family of the deceased have our heartfelt sympathies in this their sad hour of bereavement. Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be furnished for publication to the "Religious Telescope," to the Decatur papers, and to the family. Signed Wheatland Sabbath School, U. B. Church. May 4, 1879.

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2000 PIECES RIBBONS, from 2 to 4 inches wide, from 8¢ to 15¢ cts. a yard, worth three times as much, and is doubtless the last great job in Ribbons that will ever be offered in this market.
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100 DOZ. ALL LINEN NAPKINS, fast edges, at \$1.20 per dozen; great bargain.
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4000 YARDS BEAUTIFUL DRESS GINGHAMS.
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HOSIERY, GLOVES AND CORSETS
IN GREAT VARIETY AND VERY CHEAP.

3000 YARDS DEER ISLAND JEANS at 80 cts.; worth 50c.
LADIES' SUITS, DOLMAN'S CLOAKS and SHAWLS, in all the novelties, and very cheap.
DRESS TRIMMINGS, BUTTONS, LACES, VEILINGS and RUCHINGS, below the market price.
BLACK and COLORED DRESS and TRIMMING SILKS retailed at wholesale prices.
BLACK CASHMERES retailed at Jobbers' prices.
PARASOLS and SUN UMBRELLAS in every style and price.

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In Exquisite Styles, and at Lower Prices than were ever known.
2000 YARDS HEAVY COTTONADE at 18c, worth 25 cts.
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And am prepared for Business.

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Largest, Finest and Best Selected Stock
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EVER OFFERED IN THIS COUNTY.
Give us a call; we are here to please and sell, and are bound to do it.
Don't forget our trade mark, the ELEPHANT.
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**IMMENSE STOCK OF
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If you don't believe our statement, compare our prices with those of our competitors, and then please drop in to see us, and our well-made, good-fitting garments and low prices will be argument enough to induce you to give us the preference.

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DRY GOODS,

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Astonishing Low Prices.

The Store is full of all the Latest Novelties.

Call at once and secure some
RARE BARGAINS,

ONLY TO BE HAD AT—
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SPRING OF 1879.

I. W. EHRMAN,

THE OLDEST CLOTHIER IN DECATUR,

HAS NOW IN STOCK A SUPERB INVOICE OF

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INCLUDING EVERY CLASS OF
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HATS, CAPS,

And the Nobblest Neckties Ever Seen in Decatur.

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My stock includes the Latest Styles of Piece Goods, in CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, and other
SPRING GOODS, which will be made to order by an experienced cutter, and
PERFECT FITS GUARANTEED.
Come and see my goods and prices.
April 3-d&wtf
I. W. EHRMAN.

A PUZZLE.

"Papa, what made you go to war?"
Said Jennie, climbing from a chair
Upon my lap; what did you fight for?
And then she hugged me like a bear.
"Cause if you hadn't gone, you see,
You'd have two legs to center me."
"Why, child, I went because"—and then
I stopped to think. Of course I know:
I'd often told her brother Ben
When the recital thrilled me through,
And still she urged, "What did you fight for?"
Papa, what made you go to war?"
I looked abroad. The blacks were free
But violence, sorrow, filled with woe,
Blows of their masters seemed to be
As much as twenty years ago.
She said, "And what did uncle Dorcy
Get killed in front of Richmond for?"
A little child went wheeling by:
I saw the murdered Chisholm's ghost;
I heard that Hamburg mortar's cry:
The rebel yell—the shouting host:
I saw the wounds of patriot dead:
"What made you go?" my Jennie said.
"My dear," I said—but nothing more—
For glancing through the attic walls,
The rebel generals had the floor,
And I could see the nation's cotton balls.
"Papa," she urged, "why did you go?"
"My child," I said, "I do not know."

WON'T EAT "DIRT-PIE."

Meridian (Miss.) Mercury (Dom.)
Like Lord Byron, Brother Harper, of
the Okolona States, waked up one morn-
ing and "found himself famous." His
paper is talked of all over the Union.
It has been Fryed in congress, quoted
and repudiated by politicians, roasted
and parboiled, broiled, stewed, hashed,
and rebashed by the radical newspapers.
Brother Harper "talked out in meeting,"
—bluntly called a spade a spade, and
thereby offended the tribe of weather-
cock politicians and the radical "bloody-
shirts." We believe in freedom of
opinion to the fullest extent, and are
opposed to crucifying any one for ex-
pressing his opinion on any subject. A
blunt candor is preferable to a studied
hypocrisy. The Mercury has often been
under fire for frankly expressing its
opinions, and is not going to join in the
hue-and-cry against the States. Eating
dirt-pies does us no manner of good,
even in the north. The radicals think
no good thing can come out of the south,
and are quite sure to condemn us any
way, as the wolf did the lamb in the
fable whom he had predestinated to
make a breakfast upon. Do what we
may, say what we may, the voracious
radicals of the "stalwart" breed are sure
to condemn us. It is a waste of time
to endeavor to please such jaundiced
fellows, especially by eating great
chunks of dirt-pie on the eve of every
presidential election. We snap our fin-
gers at the radicals, and wish most
heartily they were at the devil polit-
ically. We don't love the radicals, and
we do not want to see them in power;
but we shall not take another dose of
Secession. No—a burned child dreads
the fire.

IOWA CROPS.

KELLOGG, IA., May 5, 1879.
EDITORS REPUBLICAN:—I took a run
to-day of 140 miles, from Davenport
here, over the C., R. I. & P. R. R., and
saw about this: Oats up nice; spring
wheat nearly covers the ground; about
one-half the corn planted, and balance
of ground ready. But to-day being very
cool no one was planting. Pastures are
very fine, and with the help of a cop-
ious shower on last Saturday the pros-
pect seems to be as good as anyone can
wish.

HOW WATCHES ARE MADE.

It will be apparent to any one, who will
examine a Swiss Gold Watch, that aside
from the necessary thickness for engrav-
ing and polishing, a large proportion of
the precious metal used, is needed only
to stiffen and hold the engraved portions
in place, and supply the necessary solid-
ity and strength. The surplus gold is
actually needless so far as utility and
beauty are concerned. IN JAMES BOSS'
PATENT GOLD WATCH CASES, this
waste of precious metal is overcome,
and the same solidity and strength
produced at from one-third to one-half of
the usual cost of solid cases. This pro-
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metal, specially adapted to the purpose,
has two plates of solid gold soldered one
on each side. The three are then pressed
between polished steel rollers, and the
result is a strip of heavily plated composi-
tion, from which the cases, backs,
centers, bezels, &c., are cut and shaped by
suitable dies and formers. The gold in
these cases is sufficiently thick to admit
of all kinds of chasing, engraving and
enameling; the engraved cases have been
carried until worn perfectly smooth by
time and use without removing the gold.
They are for sale by all jewelers, and
each case is warranted by SPECIAL GU-
ARANTEE. If your jeweler does not keep
them, send to HARRIS & THOMAS, Sixth
and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, for illus-
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THE STRAWBERRY CROP.

The following letter relative to the
fruit crop is from W. W. Jones, the gen-
tleman who last year supplied this market
with the largest, finest and most luscious
strawberries ever placed on sale in this
city:

CAMARNO, Ill., May 3, 1879.
Mr. E. W. Wood, Decatur, Ill.:
Dear Sir—Yours at hand. The pros-
pect for a fruit crop is good, with a little
exception. On the morning of May 1st
we had quite a frost, which cut the
strawberry crop one-fourth short, but did
not injure anything else. If the season
is all right from this time on, will have
quite a quantity of strawberries. The
blackberry crop will be a failure; rasp-
berries will be only moderate; cherries
did fair to make a good crop; peaches and
pears promise well; grapes all right yet,
and apples look splendid. If health and
weather permit, I will commence Monday,
May 5th, to set a new patch or field of
strawberries of five acres, which will be
in splendid condition for next year. As
to season advances I will write you. As
to you know about handling my fruit. I
do hope the prices will be such as to pay
the producer and yet be in reach of all.

All Grades Harnes at J. G. Starr &
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BEHOLD THE ARRAY.

Six Cakes Toilet Soap.....	10c	Suspenders.....	10c
Twelve Dozen Shirt Buttons.....	5c	Stock Buckings.....	10c
White Shirts.....	10c	Children's Round Collars.....	10c
Four-Ply Lotion Collars.....	10c	One Dozen Lead Pencils.....	10c
Table Oil Cloth, per yard.....	25c	24 Sheets Paper and 25 Envelopes.....	10c
Flannel Thread.....	10c	Flax per paper.....	25c
Double Heel Socks.....	10c	Ladies' Lotion Hankerchiefs, 4 for.....	25c
Two Dozen Lotion Shoe Laces.....	10c	Ladies' Hose.....	10c
Paper Collars, per box.....	10c	Dressing Combs.....	10c
Two-Button Kid Gloves.....	10c	Laundry Soap, per bar.....	10c
Six Handkerchiefs.....	10c	Lace, per yard.....	10c
Three Grain Ribbons, per yard.....	10c	Tidy Cotton.....	10c
Ladies' Lotion Collars.....	10c	Little Thread Givens.....	10c
Stockings, per doz.....	10c	Unbleached.....	10c
Crash, per yard.....	10c	Card Board, per sheet.....	10c
Towels.....	10c		

As also a full and complete line of Hosiery, Buttons, Embroideries,
Laces, Veilings, Silk and Lace Ties, Silk and Cotton Flows, Zephyrs,
Ribbons, Buckings, Gloves, Corsets, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing
and Fancy Goods in general, equally low in price. Give us a call.

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O, no! we haven't got any
new handsome goods at all!
O no, I guess not! Come
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HAYS & BARTHOLOMEW.

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SPECIALTIES:
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EAST MAIN STREET,
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CALL AND SEE ME.
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various causes of Seminal Weakness, Impotency,

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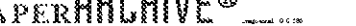
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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

JOSEPH BROWN, M. D.
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.
Office corner East Main and Water streets,
second floor, block.
March 20, 1879. d-10wtf

WILLIAM T. CURRINS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
—AND—
Solicitor in Chancery.
Office No. 10 Water street, Decatur, Ill.
Private funds to loan on farm lands.
Feb. 12, 1879. d-10wtf

BUNN & BUNN,
A. Brower Bunn and John B. Bunn.
Attorneys and Counselors-at-Law
AND SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY.
Office on East Main street, over J. Mullikin
and Bank, Decatur, Ill.
Jan. 15, 1879. d-10wtf

JOHN A. BROWN,
Attorney-at-Law,
And Master in Chancery for Macon county.
Office, corner East Main and Water streets, west
of New Bridge, Decatur, Ill.
Jan. 10, 1879. d-10wtf

MIRANDA M. BARNETT, M. D.
Office and residence, Central block, (lower
door) Merchants street, Decatur, Ill.

GEORGE A. SHIRLEY, Blue Mount, Ill.
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Prompt attention given to all kinds of collection.
Money to loan on real estate.
May 8, 1879. d-10wtf

JOHN E. WHEAT,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
And Solicitor in Chancery, Decatur, Illinois.
Office, Water street, upstairs.
April 1, 1879. d-10wtf

JOSEPH M. CLOKEY,
Attorney and Counselor-at-Law,
Office over the Decatur National Bank. Special
attention to matters in Probate and Chancery.
Decatur, Ill. Apr. 8, 79. d-10wtf

T. R. HOSKINS,
DENTIST,
Office his professional services to the people of
Decatur and vicinity. Work guaranteed of
best quality. Office over Holman's grocery
store, Merchants street, Decatur, Illinois.
March 25, 1879. d-10wtf

I. A. BUCKINGHAM,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Office over Hildebrandt's Drug Store, Decatur,
Illinois. April 7, 1879.

ELDRIDGE & HUSTELEN,
R. C. Eldridge, J. C. Hustelen.
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,
Office over Newell & Hamner's Grocery Store,
Jeff City.

P. D. SPARKS, M. D.,
HOMEOPATHIST.
Office at his residence, first door north of Lane
shillabarger's, on Franklin St., Decatur, Ill.
Patients promptly responded to in the city or
country, day or night.
June 10, 1878. d-10wtf

ABNEY PAMCO,
Attorney at Law,
Solicitor in Chancery and Notary Public.
Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Contracts, and all
kinds of legal instruments carefully written
and acknowledged taken and Abstracts
examined. Attention given to Probate busi-
ness, Wills, Claims, and all matters arising under
the State Insolvency Law. Collections made in
all parts of the United States. Office over Bush-
er's shoe store, East Main street, Decatur, Ill.
Office open from 7 A. M. to 8 P. M. Also office
on No. 2 West Wood street, open from 9 to 10
P. M. June 25, 1878. d-10wtf

B. L. STERNETT,
Attorney-at-Law,
Office southeast corner of the Old Square, in
the office formerly occupied by S. G. Madison.
Edge over W. C. Armstrong's Drug Store.
Jan. 1, 1879. d-10wtf

BUNN & PARK, D. L. Bunn, Edwin Park.
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,
Office No. 11 East Main street, up stairs, Decatur,
Illinois. April 1, 1879.

D. M. DAWKINS,
DENTIST.
Office on East Main street, given at my time
or paid over to the owner of the building.
Office over Tucker, Hamner & Co's Bank,
Decatur, Illinois.

J. N. RANDALL, M. D.,
Physician and Surgeon.
Office Northwest corner of North Main
and Prairie streets, just west of the Postoffice.
April 1, 1879. d-10wtf

BLANK & ARBUCKLE,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
And Solicitors in Chancery,
No. 21 North Water Street—back room.
Nov. 14, 1878. d-10wtf

FRANK W. HAINES,
BILL POSTER, DISTRIBUTOR.
—AND—
AGENT SMITH'S OPERA HOUSE,
may be found on inquiry at the Republican's
printing room.

S. J. DE MESTRAIS, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.
OCULIST AND AURIST
Office on East Main street, Decatur, Illinois. Office
on East Main street, formerly occupied by Dr.
R. C. Eldridge, No. 21 West Eldorado street.
March 1, 1879. d-10wtf

J. A. S. WALTZ,
DENTIST.
Office over Barber & Co's Shoe Store, East Main
street, Residence No. 19 North Main street,
Decatur, Illinois. June 15, 1878.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL
N. LAUX & BRO., Proprietors.
South side of the Old Square, Decatur, Illinois.
March 15, 1878—d-10wtf

The Best Out.
P. M. P. & SONS' EXCLUSIVE HIGH
CATCHED AND HOLLOWED—the best one
in the market—for sale by hardware dealers
generally, and by CLOSE & ORISWOLD,
Decatur, Illinois.
P. M. P. & SONS.
Sole manufacturers, Corro Gordo, Ill.
March 5—d-10wtf

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

For pure drugs carefully compounded
go to Armstrong's.

The pump handle sees a good deal of
the ups and downs of life.

A PAT dog lying on a front stoop is a
good boarding house sign.

Truly a man who minds his own business
is blessing to the community in which he
lives.

INHALE the street cars will leave
the Priest House every 20 minutes, from
9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

The high school commencement exer-
cises this year will be held at the taber-
nacle, on the forenoon of Friday, June 8th.

The Joliet penitentiary, built to contain
1,000 convicts, has over 1,300, and the
Southern penitentiary, built to contain
800 convicts, has 425.

AND now nearly every newspaper in
Illinois has commenced printing items
about Decatur's new coal mine soon to be
opened.

Mexic bath charms to soothe the sav-
age. This is why we occasionally see a
cross dog with a brass band around his
neck.

Tux picnic season is waiting to the
front once more. This item will serve as
a hint to the small and large children to
attend Sabbath school more regularly
than heretofore.

AN ERROR occurred in our report of the
Macon city election, which took place on
Monday last. For city treasurer Samuel
Johnson (liberal) defeated J. L. Hight in-
stead of W. H. Howell.

FATHER & OAKS, proprietors of the
Decatur Novelty Works, whose business
is rapidly increasing, are making another
addition to their establishment, on Mor-
gan street.

WE ARE now able to supply the de-
mand for a good, solid, serviceable and
new walking shoe for \$1.00. Call and see
them, at Barber & Baker's.

Feb. 11—d-10wtf

The house that is now being erected at
Oreana by Dr. Chenoweth is not to be oc-
cupied by either of the Drs. Chenoweth
of Decatur, who propose to remain here,
but by its owner, Dr. Albert Chenoweth,
of that village.

THREE ROBBERIES of the successful men
of the day owe much of their prosperity
to a wife's help. The load of life is so
heavy that it takes a team of two to draw
it. The ship not only wants a captain but
a first mate.

THE HIGHEST market price will be paid
for second-hand furniture, stoves, etc.
New goods sold at bottom prices. Old
Merchandise. Ed. Houston, agent.
March 8—d-10wtf

WIDEN, improve this golden opportu-
nity. The sixth annual tournament of the
Illinois Shooting Association, will take
place in Peoria on the 27th of May, and
continue until the 30th. Over \$2,000 in
prizes is offered.

A CORRESPONDENT at Macon gives his
views of the recent election in that town,
and gives them in very vigorous style,
too. He talks, of course, from his stand-
point; the other side would probably see
things quite differently. But then, folks
can't all see alike.

THE farmer, whose land would be
worthless if railways did not provide fa-
cilities for transporting its products to
distant markets; the miner, whose ores
and minerals would be practically useless
if cheap carriage was not provided; and
the merchant, whose business is based
upon the interchange of the products of
communities remote from each other, too
often forget that the transporter, who vi-
talizes all their operations, is quite as
worthy of remuneration as themselves.

WHILE seated in the park last evening,
probably waiting for "his girl" to come
along a young gent who wears a can-
daway coat, was overheard to mutter to
himself:

"Once upon an evening daisies, I gave
her a kiss, paroxysmal, and called her
name baptismal, precious name I loved
of yore. Ah! she was a darling creature,
pert of speech and fair in feature; but,
egad, you couldn't teach her, for she
had been there before, and only murmured,
bless me more."

ACCORDING to a column account of the
dramatic and concert entertainment given
by Miss Rebecca J. Sterrett, of this city,
at Shumway's Hall at Taylorville, on
Friday evening last, which appears in the
Journal of that place, it was a shining
success in every respect. The following
is an extract from the article in question:

In the rendering of "A Legend of
Bregenz," Miss Sterrett displayed a voice
of great strength and sweetness, as well
as a thorough comprehension of the piece,
ascending from bursts of most eloquent
pathos to the soft and gentle cadences
descriptive of silent sorrow and gloomy
despair, and again swelling her tones so as
to thrill her audience as with electricity,
while her every look and gesture spoke
the inspiration of the author.

SURPRISE PRIZES.—The following were
the retail prices for vegetables in Decatur
today:

Potatoes, 75 cents a peck.
Pie plant, 5 cents a bunch.
String beans, \$1.20 a dozen.
Cucumbers, \$1.50 a dozen.
Lettuce, two bunches for a nickel.
Radishes, three bunches for 10 cents.
Onions, 5 cents a bunch.
Squash, 20 cents a peck.
Squash, 25 cents a box.
Cabbage, 20 to 25 cents a head.
Squash, 10 to 15 cents a peck.
New beets, 50 cents a peck.

TALK FOR TAXPAYERS.

The Coming Special Elections on May
13th and 20th.

The town clerk, George P. Hardy, has
inserted a notice in the REPUBLICAN in-
forming the legal voters of Decatur town-
ship that a special election will be held in
Decatur on Tuesday, May 13, 1879, for
the purpose of voting on the question of
issuing fifty bonds of one thousand dol-
lars each, numbered from one to fifty in-
clusive, bearing interest at the rate of
six per cent. per annum, payable twenty
years after date, at the Metropolitan Na-
tional Bank, of New York City, said
bonds to be issued for the purpose of re-
funding \$25,000 Decatur township bonds,
issued to the Decatur, Mattson & Sullivan
Railroad, dated Dec. 23, 1872, due 20 years
after date, and bearing eight per cent. in-
terest per annum; and \$25,000 Decatur
township bonds, issued to the Monticello
Railroad, dated Sept. 25, 1873, due twenty
years after date, and bearing eight per
cent. interest per annum.

It will be observed that the refunding
of the above bonds will prove a saving to
the taxpayers of this township of one
thousand dollars per annum.

On Tuesday, May 20th there will be a
special election held in the several wards
of this city for the purpose of refunding
city bonds to the amount of \$20,000, draw-
ing interest at ten per cent. per annum,
issued June 1, 1869, due June 1, 1879. It
is proposed to reissue these bonds at six
per cent. per annum, and make them pay-
able 20 years from date of issue, thus sav-
ing to the city taxpayers \$800 in interest
every year.

The above special elections are of much
interest to the taxpaying public, and of
course the propositions submitted will be
carried, no doubt unanimously.

J. F. HARNER, editor of the Taylorville
Journal, was among the 7,000 strangers
in the city on Odd-Fellows' day, and after
writing a column descriptive of the cele-
bration he pays our beautiful city the
following compliment:

We were so well pleased with Decatur
and her people that we could not think
of leaving ourselves suddenly away, and hence
remained until Friday afternoon, as the
guest of our esteemed old Hoosier friend,
Dr. B. A. Allison, who kindly conducted
us over a great portion of the city. With-
out any disparaging reference to other
places, we can truthfully say that Decatur
is by far the handsomest inland city we
have yet had the pleasure of visiting
in this state, and we shall not soon forget
the hospitable treatment received and
pleasure enjoyed on the above occasion.

DAVID MILLER.—The following is taken
from the Camden (O.) Herald, of April
25th. The death of Mr. Miller, whose
son is George P. Miller, of this city, was
announced in the REPUBLICAN on April 21st:

After months of intense suffering with
tumor of the stomach, our old friend and
fellow citizen, David Miller, yielded up
his spirit, last Sunday night, at the ad-
vanced age of 71 years and six months—
He had been afflicted since July 6th, 1874,
and had been bedfast about seven months.
Mr. Miller was an old newspaper man,
having years ago been identified with
journalism in Richmond, Ind. He was a
member of the Universalist church. He
was a very pleasant, genial gentleman,
and was well and very favorably known
by every one in this community. He
leaves three sons and one daughter, with
scores of intimate friends, to mourn his
loss.

SENSIBLE ADVICE.—The following from
the Hoopston Chronicle should be read
and heeded by a large number of people
in this city whose names it is unnecessary
to publish:

Don't believe every senseless rumor
you hear respecting reputable citizens;
don't retail a calumny against any man
unless you have good foundation for be-
lieving it true; don't bite off your own
nose to spite your face; don't allow pas-
sion to knock down judgment and choke
its life out; don't go back on a principle
to gratify personal feeling; don't betray
the confidence of your friends; don't give
your friend the "dirty shake," as the boys
say, because he don't harbor animosity against
a neighbor because his opinions conflict
with yours. Be Christ-like; be charita-
ble.

A PROMPT PAYMENT.—The semi-annual
interest on the debt of the 1st M. E.
church, of this city, came due to-day—
The interest amounts to \$375, and it was
promptly paid by the proper official out
of liberal contributions from the member-
ship.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.
Librarian's Report for April.

No. of books loaned	3,645
No. of books returned	3,640
No. of visitors registered	6,020
No. of books registered	3,055
Fines, etc., collected	\$8.57

R. L. EVANS, Librarian.

MR. P. H. SHAFER, who resides just
northwest of the city, has placed on our
table a sample of extra fine home-made
bread, made by the left hands of his good
wife. For lightness, sweetness and every
other good quality, we have never seen it
excelled. It was made of flour from the
mill of George Priest & Co., which of
itself is a high recommendation.

The Comfort Patent Corset—Bor-
tree's Adjustable, Foy's Supporter, Moo-
dy's Abdominal, Glove Fitting, Hundred
Bones, together with the best and cheap-
est French Corsets in the city, at
Jan. 28—d-10wtf Lums & Scavoe's.

HYMENEAL.

Marriage of Rev. D. P. Bunn, of Decatur,
and Mrs. Jane Britton,
of Monticello.

From Thursday's Daily.

The marriage of Rev. D. P. Bunn, of
this city, and Mrs. Jane Britton, was
duly solemnized at the residence of the
bride's son-in-law, Dr. W. Noecker, of
Monticello, Ill., to-day. The ceremony
was performed by Rev. S. S. Hebbard, at
8:30 o'clock this morning, and was wit-
nessed by the brother and sister of the
bridegroom, Hon. A. B. Bunn and Mrs.
Peter Betzer, of Decatur, and many others.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Britton, Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Williams and Aunt Letty Huston,
of Monticello, who accompanied the
bride party to the I. B. & W. depot at
that place soon after the wedding, where
the last good-bys were said.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Bunn arrived in
Decatur at 10:30 o'clock this forenoon,
and are for the present the guests of the
bridegroom's son, D. L. Bunn, Esq., on
West North street. They will go to Tay-
lorville and other points visiting relatives
and friends, returning in about two weeks,
when they will go to housekeeping at Mr.
Bunn's residence on West Main street.

The REPUBLICAN extends its warmest
congratulations to the married pair, and
wishes both very many years of unalloyed
happiness.

MAY PETIT JURORS.

The following is a list of the names of
persons drawn to serve as petit jurors for
the first two weeks of the May term of the
Macon county circuit court, which com-
mences Monday, May 13th:

Joseph Arthur, Hickory Point.
John Gannett, Decatur.
John Conant, Pleasant View.
H. H. Miles, Pleasant View.
G. W. Weston, Hickory Point.
J. H. Butt, Hickory Point.
John Adair, Hickory Point.
L. H. Hilditch, Hickory Point.
Daniel Brindle, Hickory Point.
David Miller, Decatur.
J. S. Sargent, Macon.
Hoskins Hays, Hickory Point.
George Miller, South Wheatland.
Samuel Shapp, Decatur.
John H. Shattuck, Decatur.
John A. Miller, Decatur.
Arthur Gray.
J. P. Campbell, Hickory Point.
M. E. Hinchey, Long Creek.
S. M. Adams, Macon.
John E. Braden, Hartstown.
Charles Lewis, Hickory Point.
Nathaniel Griffith, Decatur.
John Kingsberry.
George Goodmiller.
Christ. Lophart.
E. M. Gaults.
Wm. Niedermeyer.
H. Mueller.
H. R. Montgomery.
Francis Skelly.
Geo. E. Morehouse.
M. A. Myer.
Peter Melcher.
J. P. Smallwood.
Henry Shepherd.

From Friday's Daily.

CAPTURE OF THE MT. PULASKI BANK
ROBBERIES.—The St. Louis dailies of to-day
contain thrilling accounts of the capture
of two men who answer to the names of
James Oliver and Jack Woods, at a
saloon in that city last night, who cracked
the Mt. Pulaski bank on the night of
April 23rd. The account in the Globe-
Democrat concludes:

Both Woods and Oliver are identified
beyond all doubt as two of the masked
men who entered Cashier Sawyer's house
and compelled him to open the bank—
Besides this, the watch taken from the
cashier was found in Jack Woods' pos-
session, and several packages of dimes
and half dimes, done up in the very
papers in which they were originally
wrapped at the bank, were found upon
both Woods and Oliver. At the time of
their arrest they were carrying a 30-caliber
revolver in their possession, besides a
professional bank robbers is certain,
though their connections and pedigree
have not as yet been ascertained.

The prisoners will be taken to Mt.
Pulaski as soon as a requisition from Gov.
Cullom can be obtained.

How HE FEELS ABOUT IT.—When a
former citizen of Decatur writes us in
the following style we are prone to be-
lieve that he is giving us "taffy":

..... Ill., May 1, 1879.

DEAR SIR: You will find enclosed two
dollars; send me your paper right along,
for it seems to me I hardly know what to
do without it. I would almost as soon be
without a woman as be without your pa-
per, and you know I couldn't be without
a woman.

From Saturday's Daily.

CIRCUIT COURT CASES.—Yesterday was
the last day for entering cases on the
dockets for the May term of the Ma-
con county circuit court, which convenes
May 13th. By the kindness of our ef-
ficient clerk, E. McClellan, we are fur-
nished with the following:

No. of criminal cases entered, 62
" common law cases, 112
" chancery cases, 113

Total, 287

The clerk informs us that the above to-
tal is about the same number of cases that
has been entered on the dockets at the
beginning of each of the courts for a year
past.

NICKEL-PLATED heels, Merkle Patent
Seamless Shoes, check, blue and basket
top, side lace and button shoes, at
Fertie's Shoe Store.
Feb. 19—d-10wtf

THE LINED OIL MILL.

Knocked Down to Hatfield, Taylor & Co.
for \$10,275—Who Were There.

From Friday's Daily.

The well-known lined oil mill, on
East Main street, lately owned by W. & B.
Sawyer, deceased, was sold at public
auction on the premises on yester-
day afternoon. The property was sold
jointly by the administrator of
William Sawyer's estate, Benjamin
O. McRoy, and Albert Barnes and
William Sawyer, Jr., executors of the last
will and testament of Benjamin Sawyer.
John W. Hartley was the auctioneer.

The sale commenced at 3 p. m., and the
first bid was \$5,000, by J. W. Race. Then
bids as follows: \$8,000 by Hatfield & Tay-
lor; \$8,000 by J. F. Roach; \$9,000 by
James Millikin. The bids came in slowly
after \$10,000 was called by the auction-
eer—Roach, Race, and Hatfield & Taylor
being the parties who kept nodding to
Hartley. Roach bid \$10,200, and then
there was a long wait; Hatfield & Taylor
made it \$10,250, and J. W. Race followed
by making it \$10,275, and the mill, fixtures
and grounds were knocked down to him at
a quarter past four o'clock. Mr. Race's
bid was made for Hatfield & Taylor, who
will take immediate possession, and con-
tinue the business under the firm name
and style of Hatfield, Taylor & Co.

The following well-known citizens were
present: Lowber Burrows, A. W. Conk-
lin, A. T. Hill, James Millikin, J. R.
Garin, D. W. Brennenman, Dr. J. N. Billa,
Reuben Betzer, J. F. Roach, J. W. Race,
C. A. Ewing, Edward Harparrick, D. S.
Shallabarger, Edward A. Jones, F. L.
Wood, Wm. W. Foster, J. M. Clokey,
George Priest, M. Elson, K. H. Roby, W.
A. Barnes, John Sawyer, Christ. Har-
parrick, Thomas B. Albert, Gilbert Howell,
George Leiby, A. Kramer, Jos. McClellan,
Samuel A. Smallwood, Al. Deihl, J. H.
Cunningham, John A. Swearingen, J. M.
Lowry, J. Q. A. Ode, M. P. Murphy, Dr.
H. C. Johns, Wm. Traver, Samuel Weltzel,
and many others.

Those present from abroad were John
and James Hatfield, B. Z. Taylor and J.
K. Niles, Blue Mount, and W. M. Camp,
Bement.

The mill was established on its present
site in 1807, at a cost of \$32,000, and has
a capacity of working up 60,000 bushels of
seed a year. The expense of operating
the mill each year is about \$10,000 for
labor, light, fuel, etc. Since the estab-
lishment of the oil mill and the Decatur
bagging factory at Decatur, the farmers in
this and surrounding counties have turned
their attention to raising flax, the seed
being purchased by the oil mill, and the
straw by the bagging factory. Last year
there were over 50,000 bushels of seed
delivered at the oil mill, the product of
that year's crop. By a little enterprise on
the part of parties interested, the farmers
this year have been better supplied with
seed than on previous years, and it is
known that the yield will be unusually
large.

Messrs. John Hatfield, B. Z. Taylor and
James Hatfield have been engaged in the
grain business at Blue Mount for a num-
ber of years, and are well known to a
number of our citizens as thorough business men,
and will certainly make a success of their
new undertaking. They got a bargain
yesterday, and the REPUBLICAN, on behalf
of the community at large, gives them a
hearty welcome to Decatur, and wishes
the new firm of Hatfield, Taylor & Co.
continued and lasting prosperity.

David J. Phillips writes the REPUBLICAN
from Oxford, Sumner county, Kan., that
the farmers in that region of the country
are through planting corn, and there is
corn up high enough to see the entire
length of the rows. Early wheat is high
enough to hide a common sized dog, and
the crop generally begins to look fine. If
it had not been for the rain soon after
Easter Sunday, the wheat would have
been burnt up by the hot scorching sun.
Fine rains have fallen at intervals since
then. Potatoes are up and growing nicely;
peach crop killed April 2d. Speaking of
the Pawnee Indians, Mr. Phillips says:

The Pawnees are a strange looking peo-
ple. A person not accustomed to seeing
those people cannot tell a squaw from a
buck, for they all wear red petticoats and
a thin covering around the shoulders—
The nation is a beautiful spot to look
upon; it is covered with green grass, now
from 6 to 15 inches high. Some cattle
haverlled in the Indian Territory all win-
ter. The herders are gathering up their
herds now.

EVERYBODY knows that as long as there
is proud flesh in a sore or wound, it will
not heal. The obstacle is speedily re-
moved, and the flesh reunited by HENRY'S
CARMELINE SALVE, the finest embolism
in existence of that supreme purifier,
carbolic acid. Its emollient ingredients
modify its pungent acid basis, so that it
never cauterizes, stings or scalds the
diseased part. Sores and eruptions of
all kinds are cured by it. Sold by S. M.
Irwin, the Live Druggist.
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IN THIS past two weeks, ending May
3d, Abel & Locke sold 187 carps, aver-
aging 20 yards each, amounting to 3,740
yards. These goods have gone all over
central Illinois, and to many other states.
Their wall paper and curtain trade has
been immense. They have received fifty
pieces of new carpet during the past
week, and 10,000 rolls of wall paper—and
still there's more to follow.

RAILROAD RACKETS.

A Few Items of Interest to the Reading
Public.

New and substantial crossings have re-
cently been placed in position on the
tracks of the Wabash and Central rail-
roads, at the union depot.

When finished the Wabash ticket office,
which has been undergoing repairs for
several days past, will be a thing of beau-
ty and a joy forever to Charley Brown
and Joe Shaffer.

R. L. Perry, the newly-appointed road-
master of Danville and St. Louis division
of the Wabash road, has enlarged his
office on account of increased business.

Freight and passenger business on the
I. B. & S. Ry is steadily increasing—
The road has a worthy Decatur agent in
the person of Geo. E. Lary.

One hundred new freight cars will soon
be placed on the Illinois Midland Rail-
way.

W. S. Marshall, agent for the I. B. &
W. is making many friends in business,
circles, and is ever watchful for the in-
terests of his road.

Since the Illinois Central railroad com-
menced doing business in 1865 it has paid
into the state treasury, in accordance with
the terms of its charter, the sum of \$7-
618,201.07.

On the first day of May all the employes
of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company
and of the roads under its management
appeared in uniform. Simultaneously on
7,000 miles of track the railroad men ap-
peared in uniforms of blue, consisting of
frock coat, overcoat and pants, the coats
with brass buttons bearing the letters "P.
R. I.", and a blue cap with white cord.

A story is told of a fireman on the Lou-
isville and Nashville and Great Southern
railroad who, when a novice, was told
to go out and oil up the links, meaning
those connected with the machinery of
the engine. The unsophisticated stoker
went down the entire length of a long
freight train and carefully oiled the links
between the cars; and the engineer lost
his religion in consequence.

Speaking of the Wabash railway, the
Railway Review says: Managers of com-
peting lines have looked upon it as a sort
of lebanism in its traffic relations, and all
combinations which have not taken it in-
to the account have found out their mis-
take. Just now it is playing the most im-
portant part in the southwestern war. It
is acting in union with the St. Louis lines,
and as it extends to Chicago, while the
Chicago roads have no ally west of that
city, the latter are placed at a great dis-
advantage; the Wabash is carrying freight
from New York to the Missouri river via
St. Louis, at the same rates which are
charged from New York to Chicago.

THE CITY PARK.

A Suggestion to the Decatur Coun-
cilmen.

The public generally is well aware of
the fact that our beautiful City Park, with
its attractive fountain, is now in first-class
condition, which is greatly due to the
efforts and good taste of the custodian,
Col. Bird. Many improvements have been
made in the Park recently, the most no-
ticeable of which is that of placing a
drinking fountain near the basin for the
accommodation of the public, where cool
water from the water works may be had
at all hours of the day or night.

Now there is a general demand on the
part of many of our citizens that the city
council, at its regular meeting on Monday
night next, consider the matter of making
additional decorations in the park. It is
suggested that flower beds be laid out
along the walks and near the fountain,
and that rustic vases dot the greensward
where there are no trees. We are informed
that a number of ladies have offered to
give their share of flowers and plants, and
no doubt there will be a number of others
not yet heard from who will follow their
example, if the council takes favorable
action in the matter.

The suggestion is certainly a good one,
and should receive the prompt attention
of the proper authorities. The beds of
blooming flowers and vases of growing
plants would add much to the beauty
of the park, and make it a favorite place
of resort for tired and perspiring humanity
during the coming hot summer afternoons
and evenings.

Our reporter met a number of ladies in
different parts of the city yesterday who
were working faithfully for the success
of the coming Catholic fair and festival
at the tabernacle the latter part of the
present month. Among the articles to
be voted away is a fine lantern to the most
popular railroad conductor. Horace Mor-
gan is mentioned as a candidate.

From Friday's Daily.

AT A regular meeting of the Decatur
Grand jury held at their armory last night,
it was decided to meet every third Friday
night in each month until October, for
drill. This action is not in violation of
the regulation, which leaves the matter of
drilling through the summer months op-
tional with the state militia.

SHALLABARGER'S patent process flour
saves one-half the labor in baking, and
will make more bread to the pound than
any other flour ever sold here.
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